Among other things these guidelines envisage strengthening of intelligence gathering system, action under law against those indulging in inflammatory writings, need for regulating the procedure for allowing religious processions on the occasion of major festivals to ensure that there is no provocation or other cause for communal violence; the need to regulate emergence of unauthorised places of worship on public places etc.; the need to deal effectively with the use of loud-speakers in places of worship and the need for speedy investigation of cases registered in connection with the communal violence through Special Courts/Earmarked Courts. The Home Minister in particular addressed all the State Governments/UTs in October, 1986 emphasising direct responsibility of the district, civil and police officials in maintaining communal harmony. Again on 30th December, 1986, the State Governments/UTs were issued instructions on how to control and regulate religious processions.

Anglo-Chinese Agreement on Hongkong's Future

*40. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's policy in regard to the Anglo-Chinese Agreement on Hongkong's future;

(b) whether Hongkong citizens of Indian origin have made any approach to India regarding their future after the colony relapses to China in 1999; and

(c) what would India's attitude be in safeguarding the interests of the Hongkong citizens and whether they would be received back in India if they wish to settle here?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government welcomes agreements which make for peace and stability.

(b) and (c) Of the approximately 20,000 people of Indian origin in Hong Kong, approximately 15,000 are Indian passport holders.

In addition there are approximately 4,500 British Dependent Territory citizens (BDTC's) of Indian origin in Hong Kong. These BDTC's of Indian origin have expressed the fear that under the provisions of the Sino-British agreement they may be rendered stateless when China resumes sovereignty over Hong Kong. The Government of India believe that this category of persons is the responsibility of the British Government who should ensure that they are not rendered stateless.

Concessions given to the Textile Industry

157. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find out whether the concessions given to the textile industry have been used for the benefit of the consumer and for the healthy growth of the industry; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों को हुई हानि

158. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों को अब तक कितना घाटा हुआ है । इसके प्रमुख कारण क्या हैं और इन घाटों को दूर करने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गए हैं ;